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For: PROCESS FOR HYDROGENATING POLYMER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 19, 2002

Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert --This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP01/05434 which has an International filing date of June 26, 2001, which designated the United States of America.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 24,
with the following rewritten paragraph:

--(13) The process according to any one of the above-mentioned processes (8) through (12), wherein the hydrogenation catalyst solution is supplied to the first reactor and is additionally supplied to at least one of the reactors arranged downstream of the first reactor.--

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International application. The specification has also been amended to correct an inadvertent typographical error.

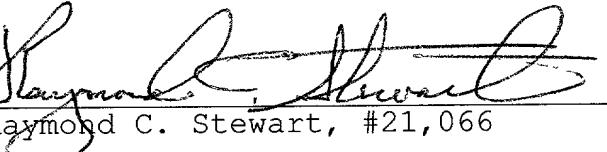
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

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